

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to delete the erroneous priority claim added by the previous Preliminary Amendment of July 24, 2006. The correct priority claim to U.S. Provisional Application 60/538,687, filed on January 23, 2004, was already present in the as-filed application and was not removed by the Preliminary Amendment of July 24, 2006. Thus, the present amendment to the specification simply removes the added, but erroneous, priority claim from the previous amendment.

Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 22-28, 33, and 35 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. As a result of this amendment, there are now 3 independent claims and 35 total claims with no multiple dependencies.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants await an action on the merits.

Enclosed herewith is payment in the amount of \$1,555.00, which includes the \$1,115.00 fee for the Five-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5), the \$375.00 fee for the fifteen claims over twenty in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(i), and the \$65.00 fee for the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(h). This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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